

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system for individuals comprising:
a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;
a communication unit;
a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and
a connector for connecting the communication unit and the cable, said connector being a magnetic connector and including plural electrodes,
wherein said connector includes a first socket mounted on the communication unit and a second socket mounted on the cable, said first socket including a pair of magnets thereon and said second socket including a magnetic material thereon, and said first and second sockets are held together by the magnetic attraction between the pair of magnets and the magnetic material.

2. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of the helmets and the cable are connected by a magnetic connector.

3. (Previously Presented) A communication system for individuals comprising:
a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;
a communication unit provided on a vehicle body, the communication unit comprising:
a final controlling element mounted in the vicinity of a hand grip for a vehicle;

a relay section mounted at a position where the amount of movement when the hand grip is steered is small; and

a relaying cable for electrically connecting the final controlling element and the relay section, the cable being connected to the relay section;

a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and

a connector for connecting the communication unit and the cable, said connector being a magnetic connector.

4. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 2, wherein the communication unit comprises:

a final controlling element mounted in the vicinity of a hand grip for a vehicle;

a relay section mounted at a position where the amount of movement when the hand grip is steered is small; and

a relaying cable for electrically connecting the final controlling element and the relay section, wherein the cable is connected to the relay section.

5. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, wherein the connection between the communication unit and the cable can be disconnected by applying a force in any direction.

6. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, wherein magnets are secured to each of said helmets and said cable includes magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said helmet.

7. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, wherein magnets are secured to said communication unit and said cable includes magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said communication unit.

8. (Original) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, and further including a detecting circuit for detecting loud noises and for suppressing said loud noises so that individuals using the communication system do not experience unpleasant sounds.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, comprising:
a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;
a communication unit;
a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and
a connector for connecting the communication unit and the cable, said connector being a magnetic connector and including plural electrodes.

wherein one end of said cable includes a magnetically attractive material and the distal end of the cable includes a magnetic material wherein the one end of the cable and the distal end mate with each other during storage of the cable during non-use.

10. (Currently Amended) A communication system for individuals comprising:
- a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;
 - a communication unit;
 - a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and
 - a connector for connecting each of said helmets and the cable, said connector being a magnetic connector and including plural electrodes,

wherein said connector includes a first socket mounted on each of the helmets and a second socket mounted on the cable, said first socket including a pair of magnets thereon and said second socket including an magnetic material thereon, and said first and second sockets are held together by the magnetic attraction between the pair of magnets and the magnetic material.

11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10, wherein the connection between each of said helmets and the cable can be disconnected by applying a force in any direction.

13. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10, wherein magnets are secured to each of said helmets and said cable includes magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said helmet.

14. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10, wherein magnets are secured to said communication unit and said cable includes magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said communication unit.

15. (Original) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10, and further including a detecting circuit for detecting loud noises and for suppressing said loud noises so that individuals using the communication system do not experience unpleasant sounds.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A communication system for individuals ~~as set forth in claim 10~~, comprising:

a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;
a communication unit;
a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and
a connector for connecting each of said helmets and the cable, said connector being a magnetic connector and including plural electrodes.

wherein one end of said cable includes a magnetically attractive material and a distal end of the cable includes a magnetic material wherein the one end of the cable and the distal end mate with each other during storage of the cable during non-use.

17. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10, wherein the communication unit comprises:

- a final controlling element mounted in the vicinity of a hand grip for a vehicle;
- a relay section mounted at a position where the amount of movement when the hand grip is steered is small; and
- a relaying cable for electrically connecting the final controlling element and the relay section, wherein the cable is connected to the relay section.

18-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10, wherein the magnetic connector includes a first socket mounted on each of the helmets and a second socket mounted on a first end of the cable, said cable including a plug mounted on a second end of the cable for connecting to the communication unit.